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Memo To: Board of Selectmen  
From: Blythe C. Robinson, Town Manager  
Date: June 7, 2013  
Re: Town Manager's Weekly Report

Warrants:

- Payroll: \$ 84,242.86
- Expense Warrant: \$ 77,696.31

For Your Information/Follow Up:

- We received a letter from Mass DOT this week informing us that although the Governor and the Legislature had proposed \$300 million for Chapter 90, the Governor is only releasing \$150 million at this time, which means that Upton will receive just over \$239,000. This is disappointing news, and means we'll be able to accomplish less than half what we planned this year. There appears to be politics involved between the ways each group arrived at raising the revenue needed for the larger amount. We are due to open bids on what had been planned on June 24<sup>th</sup>, and we will remain hopeful that this stalemate can be resolved in the coming weeks.
- This week we held a pre-construction meeting with Pezzuco Construction, the firm who has won the project to renovate Town Hall. That meeting went well, and they intend to be on site beginning construction on July 1<sup>st</sup>. As you know we will move out on June 21<sup>st</sup>, and spend the following week removing all remaining items from the building. Pezzuco intends to fence the Town Hall property on July 1<sup>st</sup>, including the blocking off of Warren Street from just below Nelson Street to Main Street. We are in the process of sending out a letter to our neighbors to alert them to this change, and we will install signage ahead of that date so those who regularly travel this are also notified.
- I attended the interviews with the firms chosen for presentations on the electronic permitting project on Tuesday. The 9 towns unanimously selected GEO TMS over Full Circle Technologies based upon their presentations, references from other communities and price. CMRPC staff will begin the contract negotiations process and hopefully we'll be underway to begin the implementation phase of the project in July.
- Selectmen Brochu and I attended the presentation in Milford by the Casino developer on Monday. They gave a thorough presentation on their plans and what they believe will be the impacts on Milford. The State Gaming Commission along with CMRPC and MAPC are holding a workshop next Monday to begin the process of examining impacts and

mitigation and exploring surrounding community agreements for mitigation. We intend to stay involved in this process to make sure Upton is appropriately represented.

- The paper shredding day went well for the Board of Health, with about 3 tons of paper removed from the waste stream. Despite the hot weather there were a steady stream of cars throughout the morning as residents took advantage of the service.
- My apologies for the short report, but the move out of Town Hall is taking up a fair amount of time – with it being only two weeks away. Many thanks go out to all departments for working tirelessly to go through records, remove items to be stored elsewhere, and putting a lot of effort into ensuring that while the move is successful, service to residents does not suffer in the meantime. We looking forward to being settled in our temporary space on June 24<sup>th</sup>!

Perhaps even ask the State for a waiver from the DCAM certificate that seems to be the stumbling block to attracting bidders. As soon as we have a plan of how to address that I will let you know.

- Now that the Chapter 90 budget is set and well on its way to being available we are scheduling a bid opening for the proposed work to be done (Mendon Street, School Street, a portion of Crocket Road for paving, and Orchard and Oak Knoll Lane chip sealing). The bid will be opened next month.
- Don't forget, Saturday is both the Annual Police Fishing Derby, and the document shredding day sponsored by the Board of Health.